

Office romance still flourishes because they are convenient sex for the lazy but deadly for your career

- Sex can be had in the office if you are lazy, impulsive, uninspired and unable to understand consequences

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While relationships between colleagues have [become decidedly more complicated](#) lately, [survey data featured in Forbes](#) shows that the office romance is still alive and well. More than half of those surveyed said they'd had a relationship with a coworker, and a majority kept the relationship a secret. Troublingly though, only around 40% even knew their company's policy on workplace relationships. Do you have an office romance story?

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No. Not yet. It's extremely unprofessional and awkward (in my opinion). Even if someone wants to do it I'll advise to keep it completely outside of office. I may be different but I go to office to put the best work of my life. To do something extra ordinary something which makes the world say WOW. And it requires focus and your full self. To me romance is nothing but a relationship. Relationships also are serious work. You have to nurture them like you grow a plant. I don't understand how ppl can do both at the same time. At least I can't.

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Work relationship needs to be honest and consider coworkers, leaders also need to know and if it is not OK to do so then a couple or one of them needs to be prepared to leave. If no one is getting "hurt" then sure! My subordinates dated while they were married ... yes to others....there were measures taken but it took months of observation, Gossip, then getting facts that it was happening... if you thinking about dating a coworker weigh your options first. Personally - I'd rather not see anyone dating at work, especially early stages. We need work done and while on the clock it's about what your work looks like not your back side!



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I met my now husband at our first real jobs out of our degrees, we were friends and kept it private for ages. Been together almost 15 years!

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My soon to be husband and I met at work. We were both in positions of leadership but did not report to each other and kept

our relationship out of the office. We are now getting married and would have never met had we both not worked at the same location. Work is a great place to meet people and build relationships/friendships that could blossom into something more. There cannot be a power differential but if two consenting adults want to get together, more power to them. It's a shame that companies feel the need to police your heart. I do support sexual harassment policies etc, there should be no inappropriate behavior or unwanted advances. Just make it clear if someone approaches you and your not interested- thanks but no thank you. If they persist then report it.

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We also have to understand the role our media has played in this. Shows like The Office have validated this and we know that the new entrants to the job have been significantly influenced by what they have grown up with as a perceived norm.

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